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MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS -The annual meeting of the Stockholders East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad Company, occurs on Monday the 1st day of January. It is desired there should be a full attendance of the Stockholders

Statements of the markets at Augusta, Macon, Atlanta, and Savannah will be found in today's issue. Also, an interesting letter from our Charleston correspondent .-The last centains suggestions that business men in this direction would do well to reflect

FOREST HILL ACADEMY.-We are pleased to learn that the Trustees of Forest Hill Academy have succeeded in making an arrangement with Mr. - Carnes, a gentleman eminently qualified for the duties, to take charge of the institution, and that the school will be opened at an early day.

THE 27TH .- Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons will celebrate the will, by request, deliver an address on the subject of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

BIBLE SOCIETY.-The Rev. Jas. Atkins, Agent of the American Bible Society, made an able discourse in behalf of the work in which he is engaged, at the Methodist Church in this place, on Sunday last. The amount collected for the cause in Athens, \$158,25 .-The officers appointed are Rev. J. H. Bruner, Rev. G. A. Caldwell, A. D. Keyes, R. N. Mc-Ewen, and W. H. Ballew. At a meeting of the Board, we understand measures were taken for the early and thorough supply of paying. McMinn county with the Holy Scriptures .-The Depository is at W. H. Ballew's.

The Honorable Circuit Court, which commenced its labors on Monday, closed the session on Saturday night. The docket we understand was pretty well cleared off, and a good deal of new work cut out for next term. At the heel of the session the Grand Jury handed in presentments against fifteen individual citizens for having been so imprudent as to procure a liberal supply of firewood and leave the same in front of their dwellings and places of business, to the manifest danger of the lives and shins of honorable grand jurymen, prosecuting attorney generals, and all other persons who might have occasion to be abroad at unseasonable hours, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee generally and the county of McMinn in particular. Among the number who were thus honored was ourself and the worthy postmaster-two of the the place-a proceeding which tends strongly to illustrate the fact that the law is no respecter of persons. For our part now we have'nt a word to say "agin the law"-its a great institution when rightly interpreted and impartially administered, and if it's a violation of the "statootes in such cases made and provided," we are the very man who sught to have been presented, for we buy more wood than any body though we don't burn as much as some, (there is a lawyer located close to the printing-office and the deputy clerk of the court don't live very far off.) and we always have it thrown in the street, not for our own accommodation particularly, but for the copyenience of others who may not be able to procure a supply from other sources. And we shall most cheerfully pay any fine which the Honorable Court at the next term may impose-provided always the County will take its own paper at par in liquidation of said fine. We understand, however, that some of the parties presented by the grand jury are a good deal annoyed at the proceeding, and say that more legitimate subjects for the operation of the law might have been found without travelling so far from the court-house as the grand jury did in its search after woodpiles. But of that we say nothing. We presume that body did what they were told was their duty in the premises, and no one has a right to complain, among the number presented. We repeat, we have'nt a word to say "agin it," as the matter will result in nothing but proving that will discriminate in its charge,) are dangerons institutions, specially of a dark night, and must not be placed in the street to resist "with force and arms the peace and dignity" of this great and ga-lorious commonwealth, and to the imminent jeopardy of the lives and limbs of orderly citizens generally and anti-Maine Law men in particular. And

further this deponent sayeth not. Not-a Bene-(Anglice, No Beans on hand.) The moral of this wood-pile business sums up thus: always keep away from the water when you go afishin', lest you fall in and get drown-ded. The reader may not see the pint or if he has seen the pint too often, he may not be able to see the wood-piles, "and thereby hangs a tale." For further particulars ap-

ply at the "Captain's office." P. S. The Circuit Court Clerk and his amiable deputy were presented with the balance, for which as in honor bound we are truly thankful. We hope they will be made examples of for not being smarter. The proseeuting attorney escaped because he never has any wood-pile, but relies upon toasting his moccasins at the fire of his neighbors. Who can "account for the milk in the cocoa nut!"

Attention is invited to the advertisement of C. L. Derby, in relation to the splendid collection of prizes to be distributed among the members of the Cosmopolitian January. The articles to be distributed are experience in the business, is a ready and unusually elegant and valuable works of Art, and each member receives the full value of his subscription in the receipt of the Knickerbocker Magazine, one of the best periodicals in the country.

CHARLESTON CORRESPONDENCE. CHARLESTON, Dec. 16, 1854.

Editor Post:-Money matters are still on the stringent order, with but few prospects of their changing any for adme time to come. wake of cotton, to stand for a time below place until next spring.

kind. These will be still bought by persons having money which they fear to invest in any thing else and do not want to deposit in banks.

It is not our wish to create a panic or assist in doing so, but as your correspondent I anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, at this am compelled to state what I think is the place, (27th) by procession, address, &c. At fact let consequences be what they may. The night, we are informed M. P. Jarnagin, Esq., South Carolina Legislature will no doubt repeal the usury laws of this State, and thus throw open the doors of Finance to foreign capital and enterprise. It is the only way for us to strike off the sheekles which bind us to the Northern and European financial influences. We are also pushing with energy the establishment of a line of steamers between this port and Liverpool, and then you will receive from Charleston your earliest and best news, and in a much shorter time than you do now from New York. Business is good with us, but country merchants are slow in MERCHANT. Most too Particular .- Information has

reached us, through the Atlanta Intelligencer. that the Superintendent of the State Road has issued orders to the agents on the line. to take no money in payment of freight or passage except bills payable at Augusta, Saannah, or Charleston. We cannot see the necessity for such a discrimination, as there are quite a number of banking institutions in neighboring States that are just as good and solvent as either the Georgia or South Caroling institutions. It is right and proper to proscribe and clip the claws of the Georgia Wild Cats, but the fact that there are rotten and worthless institutions in that State does not create a necessity to refuse the issues of banks of a neighboring State which are known to all business men to be as sound and solvent as any in the Union, and which issues are always promptly redeemed when presented. It is a misfortune with some men that, when clothed with a little brief authoy, they must be continually doing so thing to attract attention to their position and magnify the importance of self. We admire nicity, discrimination and a wholesome particularity in the conduct and management of all business operations, whether in conor in the retail gingerbread line; but if it was not at variance with the rules of good taste such a thing as being a little too darned particular; and we are afraid such is the case with our Georgia friends in regard to the sort of money necessary to procure one the privilege of riding over their roads.

We are requested to state that F. S. Smith, agent for the publisher of "The Great West" and "Religious Emblems," will be in Madisonville on the 8th January (Circuit Court week) prepared to deliver copies of these works to subscribers. "The Great West" contains many thrilling and interesting sketches, and persons who have not already secured a copy should avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered. We may also state that Mr. Smith will deliver the works himself to all whose names he obtains as subscribers.

THE BLAKELY ORCHESTRAL CHORUS COM-PANY .- This talented Company will visit our town the last of the present month and will give one or more of their excellent and incomparable concerts. The Company is said not even the widows and invalids who were to number among its members some of the best musical talent in the Union. Mr. Hubbard, one of the corps, is said to rival Ole Bull in the excellence of his performance on wood-piles (or piles of wood, as the Court the violin. He is also a skilful piano tuner, and will attend to any call in that department while the Company remain here.

JUST AS WE EXPECTED .- The last Cleve land Despatch says that his cotemporary of the Banner is "as mad as the Duchman's cow, and everybody knows how mad she was." We always thought the controversy between the Cleveland editors would end in something serious, and here we have an announcement of the catastrophe. Awful, is'nt

WEATHER.-We had a giorious snow storm on Tuesday last. Thursday morning at sunrise the thermometer was down to 17. Several weddings have occurred in the neighborhood within the last few days, and if the cold weather continues, others may be expected. It is a noticeable fact, that whenever the mercury commences travelling towards zero, the matrimonial fever begins to rage and the demand for double beadsteads rapidly increases. Great invention, matrimony, for those afflicted with cold feet and the other accompaniments of a state of single-misery. For putting the blood in circulation and driving away cold care, Jamaica Ginger and Scheidam Schnapps ain't a pri-

ming to it. KNONVILLE STATESMAN.-This paper has hanged hands-D. P. Hurly having sold the establishment to Jno. E. Heims and A. Art and Literary Association, on the 30th of B. Small. Our friend Helms has bad some agreeable writer, and we are sure will make a rendable paper. We wish him and his co-laborer a large degree of success.

The Tribute of respect from Allegiany Lodge will appear next week.

EXTENSION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL

PRINCIPLE. as regards their amounts and extent. Cot. quire our Chief Magistrate to be an American necessary. Michigan allows any foreign ton is falling in every market throughout the born citizen-why is it wrong to extend the born citizen to vote on aix months' residence. world, whilst the best of merchants are sue- principle and exclude aliens from the Halls of | The greater number of States have abrogated cumbing to the pressing financial arrange. the Senate and House of Representatives- the period fixed by the laws of the United ments around them. Let your merchants from seats on the bench of Justices-from States. But the fact that States are sover and others prepare for the worst. Bread Governorships and other places of trust? On eigns in their local affairs, and that some of stuffs and other products must follow in the a certain occasion the order was passed from them have altogether a different rule, shows Indus and the Thames. the Head Quarters of the Commander of the that Congress has no power over the individthe present mark. In the end, with a con- Armies of the Revolution-"Let none but ual States upon this subject. This princiinvance of the European war, they must Americans be placed on guard to-night,"- ple has been judicially established in Michirally and maintain, for a long time, good There was a significancy in this order which gan. prices; but I do not think this will take was calculated to startle the stoutest heart, as it hinted of treachery to be guarded against, With regard to stocks of every description, but in it there was also hope mixed with conwe must say that we can see but little hope fidence, as it interposed the bulwark of Amerfor them unless they are of the very best ican hearts and the fidelity of American Patriotism against the danger that was lurking in ambush.

As it was then, so may it be again. The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance," and surely, none are more worthy of trust, when danger threatens or when efforts are making to introduce the Trojan horse into our midst, than the sons of revolutionary sires, in whose hearts has been enkindled the pure love of American principles and of American honor. Let the word then go forth, from the mountain to the seaboard-"Let none but Amerieans be placed on guard to night,"-Let "none but Americans rule America," and we may yet longer lie down in sleep, without dread for the stability of the pillars of the Con-

GREAT MEN .- Geo. Whitfield, recently elected a delegate to Congress from Kansas Territory, if we mistake not was in the Legislature of this State in 1851, and was noted for his speech-making propensity, and was regarded as something of a bore. Since his election in Kansas he has been transformed into a great man, and become the subject of many of the papers, and occupies a space in "callant Brigadier" himself immediately after the annexation at this time. the last Presidential election. Had he been defeated, although equally deserving, it would probably have been otherwise. Success is a rapid developer of greatness.

A Northern paper suggests that Gen. Winfield Scott may be the next President of the United States. While we confess that the possibility of such a contingency is very remote, still in the vicissitudes of politics it might happen. The element that contributed as largely as any other to the defeat of the hero of a hundred battle-fields, is now the sentiment of the nation, and will elect can tell what two years may bring forth, despite the "rich Irish brogue" and the "sweet German accent!"

JOHNNY BULL.-Several of the leading British papers are talking very largely about nection with the superintendence of railways a necessity that may arise to chastise and put a stop to the "aggressive spirit" of Brother Jonathan, as they call his proclivity for so to express ourself, we would say there was extending the "area of Freedom." It is nothing but talk, however-by the time Mr. Bull gets through with Russia, he will not have much stomach for a tussle with the Universal Yankee Nation.

> PREMIUMS .- Among the premiums awarded by the Southern Agricultural Society, at the late Fair at Augusta, we find the follow-

W. A. Lenoir, Tennessee, for the largest crop of Oats grown on an acre, 41+ bushels.

Albert S. Lenoir, Loudon, Tennessee, for the best Bull, 3 years old, or upwards, \$20. A. S. Lenoir, Loudon, Tennessee, for best fat Heifer, \$5.

Jno. L. Hurst, Athens, Tennessee, for the best Mare, 4 years old and over, \$5. Geo. Elliot, Tennessee for best Thoroug bred Stallion, "Invincible," 3 years old, \$10. Geo. W. Elliott, Tennessee, for best thor-

ough bred Filly, "Res Rogan," 1 year old, Mrs. Lenoir, Tennessee, for best Bacon Ham, \$5. Mrs. Lenoir, Tennessee, for best 4 doz. Ba

on Hams, \$5. Mrs. Lenoir, Tennessee, for best + dozen Racon Sides \$5. Mrs. W.A. Lenoir, Tennessee, for the best Firkin of Butter, \$10.

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT .- Monroe's Reporter, for this month, contains the subjoined notice of a very dangerous counterfeit:

"We have received by mail a very good imitation of the \$20 bills of the Planters Bank of Tennessee, the following being a description of the imitation: The return curl of the figure 2 in the medallions each side of the vignette, on genuine runs into a notch on the inner margin of scroll work, in counterfeit there is no notch. On left end of bill the cluster of houses appearing in the distance are very dark, on counterfeit they are light. The hills behind the town on counterfeit look like haystacks, in genuine not so. On right of Mechanics on genuine there is a stock, on counterfeit there is none. On top of the head of inner female, there is a white strip on counterfeit, on genuine it is hardly perceptible. In the centre of each of the wreaths which encircles vignette there is a 'ull blown rose, on counterfeit they are hard-The whole affair is a lithograph

The Washington Star publishes the guished Frenchman, dated Paris, November

"Lord Palmerston and Louis Napoleon have been almost inseparable since the former alighted at the Hotel Windsor. Their interviews have resulted in a decision to unfuri the standard of Polish, Hungarian and Italian nationality, if Prussia and Austria hesitate n which case all Europe will be in arms be-

Hon. A. P. Butler has been re-elect ed to the U. S. Senate by the Legislature of South Carolina.

and other papers.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that those who The Constitution of these United States contend for Congress fixing twenty-one years expressly forbids the election of any foreign as the period of residence for foreigners beborn or adopted citizens to the office of Pres- fore they shall be naturalized, suppose that Every thing must come down before we get ident of the Republic. This, says the Geor- the matter is within the regulation of Conat a level. The large amounts of money in gin Citizen, it is admitted on all hands, is a greas. This is partially and practically a misthe shape of bank bills which have been just and proper prohibition, to guard the cita- take. Congress only regulates the subject withdrawn from circulation have reduced the del of liberty from the liability of being as- as far as citizenship of the United States is amount of money in the country to such an sailed by Foreign influence, and to remove concerned. The individual States claim and extent as to make it impossible for us to do the possibility of the government being wrest- exercise the right of allowing any resident posiness with the present supply. Our mer- ed from its legitimate purposes by foreign the privileges of a voter on just such resichants must reduce their time business both machinations. Well, then, if it be just to re- dence as the State Constitution may say is

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS.

THE AMERICAN PARTY UNCONSTITUTIONAL -A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Wayne county, Pennsylvania, under date of the 5th inst., states that his Honor, James M. Porter, President Judge, in his charge to the grand Jury, asserted that they were bound by their oaths to bring an indictment against every member of a Know Nothing council, under their knowledge, in the said county, and that although men could not be made to testify against themselves, yet they would be bound to be a witness against a brother. The Judge considered the association unconstitutional, and should come under the ban of the law. It is said two-thirds of the grand jury are members of the organization and it is supposed they would "respectfully demur."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. The intelligence from Honolulu confirms The President, it is also believed, will cordi-

The London Times, commenting upor the reported proposition of Russia to nego tiate a peace upon the four points contained in the note of 8th August, intimates a belief that it is a mere ruse, "to paralyze as long as possible the military action of the court of Vienna," and holds this significant lan-

We can foresee no prospect of peace untioffuence of Russia or that of England and dispute which negotiation will not terminate the next President. Stranger events than especially at a moment when the contest is the one suggested have occurred, and who raging with the utmost earnestness against fate of the allied armies before Sebastopol is the event which will determine the course of negotiation. There is no road to peace but by victory.

"No Cuba for us" is the sum and sub-C. Mercury. Mr. Calhoun was always opextra and ultra Southern man was, that extra dangers.

But for Northern Abolitionism resisting this annexation, as one of their pet schemes, we do not believe it would have many intelligent advocates in the Southern country. It is a peculiarity of Abolitionism, that it always carries what it always resists. So says the New York Express, and it would be difficult to compress more truth in the same

FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD .- The following is reported as a true message from a certain individual now in the "Spirit World," as we have been told: -

Rapper.-John Jones ? Spirit of John Jones answers two raps. R .- Are you happy?

S .- Yes, in all but one thing. R .- What is that ? S.-I left the world without calling on the

FRINTER, as I promised. O, if I could but return to the earth, I would do, R .- Do what ?

S .- Call on the poor "FRINTER," and pay him them four dollars; but it is entirely too R .- No send a message to your once fond wife to pay it for you, and then you will be

happy! -Yes, yes tell her if she wishes to joy eternal happiness, to go at once and dis-charge that debt, and everlasting bliss is

R .- I will do as you bid me.

The Nashville News, says we under stand that telegraphic dispatches have been received in the city to-day announcing that another great fight had taken place between the Allied Powers and the Russians, before walls of Sebastopol. There was great slaughter on both sides, but the city did not yield to the besiegers.

CLOSED BY ICE .- The Wheeling papers state the river above and below that city is closed by ice. The same is the case at Pittsburg. The Monongahala, opposite Pittsburg, and the Alleghany, a short distance above following extract of a letter from a distin- that city are also frozen over, and on Wednesday the former was covered with skaters .-Such an event, so early in the season, has rarely occurred before.

The latest accounts from the Sand wich Islands state that the treaty of annexation had been signed by King Kamehameha and the principal nobility, but his Majesty had tonger to declare unequivocally against the Czar. The probability is that neither the one nor the other will consent to do this. boring island before the treaty should be definitely settled.

The estimate of expenditures for the city government of New York for 1855. amounts to nearly six millions of dollars, or 'what will become of us."

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

[FROM THE S. T. MIGHOR.]
The "Star in the East," which the wise men and shepherds saw and followed, brought with it angel voices, singing "Peace on earth and good will unto men"-it heralded a pacificator and Redeemer, under whose inspiration men were to become as brothers, the weapons of battle to be turned into ploughlearn war no more. It was a glorious programme revealed by the light of that beautiful star; but twenty centuries are almost passed since its dawn, and the swords and spears accumulate, and battle widens its grim jaws, and the nations seem further from forgetting war, than when the Persian thundered at the gates of Greece, and the Roman led his conquering legions from the Tiber to the The war now raging in the East, exhibits

in the complement of its forces, weapons, munitions and spirit, a sayager picture than stains barbarian annals. Savager, because it is as deliberate as civilization can make it. It is a war in which all the ingenuity of art, and all the resources of science are brought to bear, with a coolness and nicety of calculation unthought of in the ages of rude, impulsive warfare. It is a war, too-at its pres ent stage-appealing to none of the nobler feelings and sentiments of humanity-a war exchange of a piece of his handiwork. This at all, but that "the people" are as "Mr. waged not for the freedom of nations or peoples, but a desperate, selfish struggle of certain combined crowned heads to share or take all, the spoil which they perceive to be, and out of this thing alone innumerable diffiotherwise, tending to the benefit of a neighboring rival in the path of empire.

No one fitted to judge, doubts for was uncared for by England and France, until they saw Russia advancing to administer upon the effects of that decaying nation. There were no allies hostile to the Czar so long as he refrained from adding to his dominionsthe belief that a treaty for the annexation of had there been, the righteous occasion would the Sandwich Islands is about to be consum- have been when he interferred to crush galmated there, and will be soon received here. | iant Hungary. The fact is, the chief crowned heads of Europe have been too often and too ally embrace the proposition, and recommend long parties to the plunder and division of it to Congress. The treaty will require the nations and peoples, to quarrel among themaction of the House to give it effect, and it is selves while the spoils are equally divided .not probable that the Senate will sanction it Fear of losing, or rather of not getting somewithout much opposition. If the measure be thing, led to the combination against Russia, adopted, it will furnish a strong argument and actual war was put off by Turkey's backstudied eulogies and labored panegyries in for the augmentation of the navy. The for- ers so long as there was a hope of settling tification of the island must be commenced the question, not as to the rights of Turkey, their columns only second to that of the forthwith. No necessity can be shown for but as to the advantage and safety of France and England.

We were never surprised at the course Russia has pursued. Her traditional and settled policy is the absorption of Turkey. Her march on Constantinople was decreed long ago by the Czar Peter, and begun bravely by the Empress Catherine. It has been only a matter of policy, as to time, that has held the Russian back so long. There is an imperious necessity for his onward march in this direction, unless his ambition can be content with pushing his hordes upon the snowy stepper France is hereafter to preponderate in the affairs of the East and of Europe. That in a East. To have before him the open seas, enabling him to compete in commerce and colonization, as in arms, he must break the this he intended to do, and will do eventually.

The Czar was unwise in not making ready his forces at the outset, and conveying them with all his naval force, directly to Constantinople. He might have suddenly seized the conducted all over the State, not by demostance of a long article in the Charlston, S. Ottoman Capital, and once master of it, no crats, but by the disguised Know Nothings! combination of enemies could have dislodered posed to the acquisition of Cuba. Among him. Austria would then have been his nethe wise foresights of that truly great, but tive friend, and Prussia would have endorsed his policy. The Czar was too considerate of Territorial acquisition or annexation was an France and England-it was a grand error. experiment full of all sorts of perils and which it may cost Russia an age to repair .-On the other hand, Kossuth advised well, when he urged the Allies to attack Sebastopol, not in the Crimea, but at Warsaw, in the heart of Poland. Had Austria interferred,

Hungarians and Italians were ready to silence her. Russia is largely made up of conquered provinces and subjected tribes. These violently annexed peoples have not outgrown the memory and pride of old nationalities. and an appeal to them by a promise of restoring to them their lost estate, would have shaken the Russian throne and empire.

The Allies have "caught a Tartar" in their foray against Russia, and their Crimean experience, even if they succeed in taking Sebastopol, will be but the preface of a terrible history of reverses and sacrifices which they are doomed to ere this war is done. As the game stands now, their mighty naval force has lost more than it has gained-its whole operations being shamed by the Russians' destruction of the Turkish squadron at Sinope-while on the Danube and in the Crimea, their superb "picked" armies have been wasted by battle and pestilence, and are, at this moment, rather fitted to set on the defensive than the offensive. Russia and winter are upon them, and England's "Thunderer," the Times, confesses that the question of success now depends on numbers. The Allies may do their best, yet Russia can outnumber them. She will be prepared to open the spring campaign with a million and a half of men. The Czar is, so far, only preparing for

But the Allies have made up their bed, let them lie in it. They can hardly change their programme so as to call the crushed nation alities to life and action, for that would now imperil every throne in Europe. The war will doubtless be waged to the bloody end, and through our horoscope we see the Russian finally victorious. Thus far he certainly has the best of it, and his resources and spirit point to still better fortune for his arms in the future. In view of these facts, will the London Times and its echoers, please to inform us when the Allies propose to "regulate affairs in the West, as well as in the East?"

OUR MINISTER TO SPAIN.-It is not quite certain that Mr. Soule will be received back again into Madrid. Letters from Madrid sent to Paris say positively, that the Spanish cabinet have requested from Washington, his recall. All the Madrid journals, with a single exception, are said to oppose his return

An exchange says that camphor has rible poision, strychnine. A man who had We are indebted to the Hon. Sam.

A. Smith for copy of President's message, and other nevers.

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137" X," the intelligent Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, writing under date of the 12th inst., says:

The consideration of the Pacific Railroad bill has been agoin postponed until the month of January. It is difficult to say whether Congress by that time will be more harmonions than it now is, notwithstanding the christmas terkeys on which the members will have feasted in the meantime. There are too mashares and pruning-hooks, and the nations ny small political questions on the tapis, to allow great ones to be discussed and acted

The only difficulty in regard to the annex-ation of the Sandwich Islands is not in the opposition of England or France, but in the nission of the Islands as a State, into the Union. The doctrine of self-government, even under a territorial state of existence, is not without its difficulty of application, and should the annexation scheme be submitted to Congress, will lead to a most interesting debate, which may possibly revive some o the old issues.

Mr. Buchanan will certainly come home in the spring, and after his return an entire remodeling of the corps diplomatique in Europe may become necessary.

THE CASH SYSTEM .- "Commerce!" And what business is commerce? Barter, the strict exchanges of commodities, is now merely an incident of business intercourse .-If a carpenter wants a pair of shoes he buys them. If on credit, he expects to pay for them, with money. He does not exact the rule applies through all society. But when Green" says a great institution. a settling takes place, there is an exchange of bills as a part of the adjustment of accounts. culties arise. The first great object, the prime aim of every man, should be, therefore, to do a cash business, and every man who ment that the fate of the Ottoman Empire does not do this, is false to his best inter-

1-3" The conduct of Austria is the subject of continual comment in the English papers -but neither promises, coaxing nor abuse seems to have any effect upon that imperturbable power, so long as fears of Russia or sympathy with the Czar predominate. Having appealed to the honor and the interests of Austria in vain, the London Times now insinuates a new element to move her. It affectionately inquires, "How many sparks from a French corporal's pipe would it require to set Italy in a blaze from one end to the other, and what prospect would there be of a re-conquest of Lombardy-with France and England instead of the small kingdom of Piedmont to conduct the war?" It also estimates that Hungary may be aroused, and adds: "When Austria measures herself against the great powers, she must not forget that wherever her enemies appear, they may count upon the support of her own subjects. She is in the most imminent danger of becoming a second Poland, and affording, by her dismemberment, an indemnification for that war which she fondly thinks is being carried on for her exclusive advantage,'

Gov. Bigler, when stumping the State of Pennsylvania, was, according to the custom there, escorted from county to county by a committee of what he supposed were leading and accredited democrats, who would, on his going into the next county, put him into the hands of another such committee. Of course | send, the Sarsaparilla man, two hundred the their business was to advise, encourage and appland him, and they did this particularly when he was most severe on the new party. What was his surprise at the end of the campaign when he found that he had been

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18. Congress .- Mr. Johnson, of Arkansas, apeared, was sworn, and took his seat. In the Senate, Mr. Shields reported a to increase the efficiency of the army. Also, a bill to establish a board to adjust private claims, which was referred to a special com-

The House took up the Military Academy

Mr. Barry denounced the Know Nothings as illegal combinations, who take away the rights of citizens. Mr. Banks rejoined, fending the Know Nothings. He condemned and claimed that the Catholics interferred in secular affairs.

A writer in the last Chattanooga Gazette suggests the name of Gen. F. K. Zoilicoffer, the present representative to Congress from the Nashville District, as suitable to be placed in nomination for the next Gubernatorial race.

The Commercial Convention of the Southern States, which met in Bartimore in 1851, at Memphis in 1852, and Charleston in 1854, adjourned from the latter city to reassemble in New Orleans, on the second Monday of January next. The City Council of New Orleans has directed the Mayor to appoint a hundred delegates from the city and to invite the Governors of Southern States and the Mayors of Southern cities to visit that city during the session of the convention.

GOMORRAH .- A French Traveller, M. De Sauley professes to have discovered the ruins of this ancient city, now bearing the name of Charbet Gomuoran, or Oumran, on the borders of the Dead Sea; they extend over a space of more than six thousand yards, and their very name given by the Arabs indicates their identity with the ancient city.

The State Treasurer, of New Jersey, in view of the recent depreciation in almost every description of bonds, has made a demand of the Free Banks of that State for additional securities, so as to fully indemnify note-holders, in case of the suspension of any such institutions.

OUR ARMY .- One ninety-fifth part of the entire Army of the United States was killed or wounded by the Indians during the past year. Yet the Indians have been remark peaceful during the twelve months, and Bill Bowlegs has behaved "first-rate," as he said when our Aldermen took him into the tea room. The truth is, our Army is not very much of an institution to boast of, so far as numbers are concerned. Gather all our force together, and let a man of sound lungs essa to lecture them-he would find it no difficult task per need to make outlays for cough lozenges in the morning. Ten thousand seven hundred and forty-five men-that is the actually available amount—seems like a small company to draw a girdle of safety around our thirty-one States and unsurveyed territo ries that are big with as many more.

LOVE AND FOLLY .- A man, sixty years age, has been committed to jail in St. Louis, for threatening to kill a girl of nineteen, because she refused to marry him, after he had made her the snug little present of \$25,000. It was rather provoking.

MYSTERIES OF SADNESS .- Who that has rend the following beautiful passage from an accomplished writer, will not bear witness of the description? Who has not had experi-

ence as thus truthfully portrayed? There is a mysterious feelling that frequently passes like a cloud over the spirits. It comes upon the soul in the busy bustle of life, to the social circle in the calm and silent retreats of solitude.

Its powers are alike supreme over the week and iron hearted. At one time it is caused by the flitting of a single thought across the

A sound will come booming over the occan of memory, gloomy and solemn as a death. knell, overwhelming all the bright hopes and sunny feelings of the heart. Who can describe it and yet who has not felt its bewildering influence?

Still it is a delicious sort of sorrow; and like a cloud diming the sunshine on the river. although causing a momentary shade of gloom, it embraces the beauty of returning bright-

Invisible Green, the facetious Local of the Cincinnati Times, sometimes makes a happy hit in speaking of men and things. In the paragraph below he gives the best answer to the great question of "who are the people" that we have ever seen. There is no doubt

The people! Who are they? We hear so much about them that we must press the enquiry. During political campaigns, a gathering composed of a stump speaker, a dozen office holders, and the same number of "rounders," is called a mass meeting of the people; during bank panies, a hundred or two skinned depositors, are sympathized with as the people; a store-keeper who does a small business, advertises that he is patronized by the people; and there never was a show, from the live Anaconda down to the Baby Elephant, that was not the favorite of the people. Political schemes to increase taxation and demoralize public sentiment, are adopted for the good of the people; rags are issued as currency for the benefit of the people; courts dignifiedly usurp law and commit injustice to protect the rights of the people; clergymen and priests preach piety and practice extravagance, as an example for the people; and piles of money are being continually spent upon lazy, loafing, drunken demagogues, to make laws for and protect the people! Verily, in these latter days the people are a great "institution," beyond all doubt.

In regard to the late attack made by the Indians on the mail party near Fort Laramie, the following despatch has been received at St. Louis:

Independence, Dec. 5, 1854.—Mail party all killed twenty-six miles this side of Fort Laramie. Charles A. Kinkend left, with six arrows in him, for dead. He was rob-bed of ten thousand five hundred dollars,-He is now at Laramie, and will probably re-

There are now some twenty-eight or thirty buildings in process of contraction in New York; which, when finished, will cost between three and a half and four millions o dollars. Two of these, the La Farge Hote and the Coopers Union, will cost three hundred thousand each; Duncan and Sherman's banking house, two hundred and fifty thousand, and a princely mansion for Dr. Town-

These projects will, fortunately, put some money into circulation among the poorer

A NOTICE WITH A STING IN IT .- The Evening Post savs :

It is reported by our Washington corre spondent that F. J. Grund, a Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, Philadelphia Ledger, and formerly of the New York Herald, has been appointed Consul at Marseilles, France. We believe he is a Prussian by birth, and a Swiss by profession.

IMPORTANT IN TRUE.—A special Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune "Good feeling exists among the members

of Congress generally." Another bank has collapsed in New York. The Herald of Wednesday thus writes

its obituary: The clearing House closed up another bank today. The Central Bank failed to make good its account this morning, and was therefore suspended. Bill-holders need be under no apprehension regarding their value. The returns of this bank for the week ending the 9th inst. were as follows: Lonns, \$301,172: deposits, \$186,249; circulation, \$83,733; spe-

cic. \$22,405. A DREADFUL RESOLVE .- The London republicans have had a meeting, Ernest Jones chairman, and "resolved" to hiss the Emperor of France upon his visit to that city.

The St. Louis Intelligencer publisher the names of a jury, who, after they had acquitted a man tried for murder, adjourned to his cell, having been invited to do so, where they indulged in a regular carousal, one half of them becoming beastly drunk.

The London Times speaks of the Cossacks, as they appeared at the recent battles in the Crimea, as resembling "mounted Yan-kees, in their agility, intelligence, irregular costume, and individual self-reliance!"

237 It is stated that one hundred families intend emigrating in the spring from Bourbor county, Kentucky, to Kansas.

The population of Arkansas, according to the returns recently laid before the Legislature of that State, is 247,112 souls. The Evansville Enquirer accuses the

The Evaluation of the large access the preachers of this day of interfering with politics. It thus speaks of those of Kentucky.—
The way they beat the Democrats in this State was by electioneering seven days in the week, while we couldn't electioneer but six. The President is said to be extremely anxious, and will use every means in his pow-er to accomplish a modification of the pres-

ent tariff, the raising of the four new regi-ments, and the increase of the navy; and these will be among the first measures to which the attention of both branches of the Legislature will be called at the present ses-A private letter from the Sandwich Islands, speaking of King Kamehameha, saye:
"He loafs around the town of Honolulu—

peeps into a tavern, and is ready to take a nip with any body that asks him. He isn't worth a 'continental,' and auctioneers won't take President Pierce reached his fiftieth

birthday on the 27th ult., the Thanksgiving day of the District of Columbia. Among his special guests on that occasion was General Scott.

"Hooray!" screamed Ike, through the bro ken pane of glass, pushing, at the same time, the shingle and fork that held it there into "Hoorav! the Know Nothings have ting." "Well, Isaac," said Mrs. Partington 'you needn't make such a noise about itcome in instead of a mare.